

Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.

June 26, 2013

Easton, Pa
Wednesday
June 26, 2013
6:00 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at the above date and time, in Council Chambers, 6th floor of City Hall, One South Third Street, to consider any business that may lawfully be brought before the body.

The invocation was given by Mr. Brown followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Warner, Warren, Panto (Phone) (6)
Absent: Vulcano (1)

Also in attendance were Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk, William Murphy, City Solicitor, Joel Scheer, Assistant City Solicitor and Glen Steckman, City Administrator. There were thirteen other persons present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Fleck the Agenda was approved by the following vote:

Yeas: Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Warner, Warren, Panto (6)
Nays: None (0)

ACTION ON MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Warren, the June 12, 2013 Council Meeting minutes were approved as submitted by the following vote:

Yeas: Fleck, Ruggles, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown (6)
Nays: None (0)

PUBLIC COMMENT – (Agenda Items Only)

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Fleck and Dr. Warner the following items on the Consent Agenda were adopted by the following vote:

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1. Bill No. 31, (Ordinance 5413), Amending Sections in Chapter 294, Fire Insurance Escrow Fund, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa.

Ordinance 5413, amends Sections in Chapter 294, by removing words, "City Treasurer", "Municipal Treasurer", and "Municipality", and replacing them with the "Director of Finance", and "City".

2. Bill No. 32, (Ordinance 5414), Amending Sections in Chapter 194, Auctions and Auctioneers, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa.

Ordinance 5414 amends sections in Chapter 194 by removing the words, "City Treasurer", the figure "\$300" and replacing them with the words "Director of Finance", and the figure "\$1,000".

3. Bill No. 33, (Ordinance 5415) Amending Sections in Chapter 365, Moving of Goods, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa.

Ordinance 5415 amends sections in Chapter 365 by removing the words "City Treasurer", and the figure "\$300", and replacing them with "Director of Finance" and the figure "\$1,000".

4. Bill No. 34, (Ordinance 5416) Amending Sections in Chapter 404, Parks of the Code of the City of Easton.

Ordinance 5416 amends sections in Chapter 404, by deleting Section 404 E (1), adding a new section 404-4 D, adding wording to sections 404-D (4), and (5), by deleting the words "or the Hugh Moore Park Commission" in section 404-4F (5), by amending fine amounts in sections 404-4 H (3) and (4), by deleting the words "Supervisor of Hugh Moore Park" in section 404-5 and by changing the fine from \$300 to \$1,000 in Section 404-6.

5. Bill No. 35, (Ordinance 5417) Amending Chapter 285 – Fees, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa.

Ordinance 5417 establishes fees for Credit Card Convenience.

6. Bill No. 36, (Ordinance 5418) Amending the 2012 Wastewater Operating Fund Budget.

Ordinance 5418 amends the 2012 Wastewater Operating Fund Budget by increasing Revenues and Expenditures by \$89,025.63.

7. Bill No. 37, (Ordinance 5419) An Ordinance for adoption of a Competitive Policies Code.

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Ordinance 5419 adopts a Competitive Policies Code for the City.

8. Resolution 106-2013, which repealed Resolution 64-2013, which approved a contract with Mark Bonstein.
9. Resolution 107-2013, which approved a contract with Walter Bukowski.
10. Resolutions 108-112- 2013, which approved Certificates of Appropriateness for 62 N. 3rd, 121-123 N. 3rd, 147 S. 6th, 437 Northampton, and 520 Pine Streets.
11. Resolution 113-2013, which approved a Developers Agreement with Schy-Rhys Redevelopment Inc.
12. Resolution 114-2013, which approved an Extension Agreement with Hei-Low Inc.
13. Resolution 115-2013, which approved an amendment to a Professional Services Agreement with Pennoni Associates.
14. Resolution 116-2013, which approved an amendment to a Professional Services Agreement with Pennoni Associates.
15. Resolution 117-2013, which approved an Intermunicipal Agreement for a JAG Grant.
16. Resolution 118-2013, which approved a Building and Property Maintenance Contract with C.E.B. LLC.

Yeas: Brown, Fleck, Ruggles, Warner, Warren, Panto (6)

Nays: None (0)

REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

There were no reports received by Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee spoke regarding legislation that he would have for later in the meeting regarding authorizing the Modification of the Purposes of City's Outstanding Taxable General Obligation Note. Series of 2011; and authorizing other necessary action. He also reported that on Sunday, June 30, 2013, a parade honoring Jordan Oliver for winning the NCAA Division 1 wrestling championship for the 2nd time, would be held in downtown and said that the Mayor has invited Council members to take part in the parade, and asked members to contact Karen to let her know if they were going to participate.

Mrs. Vulcano, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee was not in attendance.

Dr. Ruggles, Chairman of the Planning Committee, had no report.

Mr. Warren, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reported that a Public Safety Committee meeting would be held on July 9, 2012 and said that a Police activity update report would be given at that meeting.

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Dr. Warner, Chairman of the Public Works Committee spoke regarding legislation that she would have for later in the meeting regarding suspending downtown meter enforcement on Sunday, July 7, 2013.

Mr. Fleck, Chairman of the Administration Committee spoke regarding recent actions by the United States Supreme Court regarding same sex marriage and voting laws.

Mr. Murphy, City Solicitor had no report.

Mr. Scheer had no report.

Mayor Panto had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received by Council:

- (a) Roger E. Cullen, letter of support for restoration the Lehigh River.
- (b) Ray Green, Easton Memorial Day Secretary, thank-you letter for participation in the Memorial Day Parade.
- (c) Mayor Panto, Ninety-Day Executive Order, regarding parking in the Perkins Lot.

NEW BUSINESS

A June 21, 2013 e-mail regarding an Ordinance for the next Council meeting was received from Chris Heagele, Finance Director.

Bill 38, Authorizing the Modification of the Purposes of the City's Outstanding Taxable General Obligation Note: Series of 2011; and Authorizing other necessary action, was introduced by Mr. Brown and ordered processed for adoption.

This Bill would authorize the modification of the purposes of the City's Outstanding Taxable General Obligation Note: Series of 2011; and authorize other necessary action.

The next item on the Agenda was a proposed Resolution to authorize the suspension of downtown parking meter enforcement on July 7, 2013.

The following Resolution was introduced by Dr. Warner:

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The above Resolution was adopted on motion of Dr. Warner and Mr. Warren by the following vote:

There was a short discussion on suspending downtown meter enforcement on July 7, 2013, Heritage day and on other days when special events were held between Council members and Mr. Steckman.

Yeas: Fleck, Ruggles, Warner, Warren, Panto, Brown (6)

Nays: None (0)

CITIZENS RIGHT TO BE HEARD

Meg Kyle, 7350 William Avenue, Allentown Pa., ask when the City would open up bidding for erection of Bill Boards.

Mr. Brown said that action was still being discussed in committee.

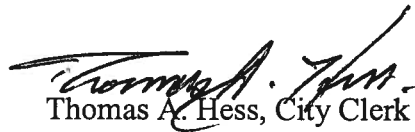
Mr. Brown said that after the meeting Council would enter into an Executive Session to discuss the leasing of property.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p. m. on the motion of Mr. Fleck and Dr. Warner by the following vote:

Yeas: Panto, Warren, Warner, Ruggles, Fleck, Brown (6)

Nays: None (0)


Thomas A. Hess, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

Stated Session
Wednesday
June 26, 2013
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
6. ACTION ON MINUTES – June 12, 2013 Council meeting minutes
7. PUBLIC COMMENT – (Agenda Items Only)
8. CONSENT AGENDA
 1. Bill 31 – Amending Section in Chapter 294, Fire Insurance Escrow Fund, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa.
 2. Bill 32 – Amending Sections in Chapter 194, Auctions and Auctioneer, of the Code of the City Of Easton, Pa.
 3. Bill 33 – Amending Sections in Chapter 365, Moving of Goods, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa
 4. Bill 34 - Amending Sections in Chapter 404, Parks, of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa.
 5. Bill 35 - Amending Chapter 285, Fees of the Code of the City of Easton, Pa.
 6. Bill 36 - Amending the 2012 Wastewater Operating Fund Budget.
 7. Bill 37 - Adoption of a Competitive Policies Code.
 8. Resolution repealing Resolution 64-2013.
 9. Resolution approving an Agreement with Walter Bukowski.
 10. Resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 62 N. 3rd Street.
 11. Resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 121-123 N. 3rd Street.
 12. Resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 147 S. 6th Street.
 13. Resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 437 Northampton Street.
 14. Resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for 520 Pine Street.
 15. Resolution approving a Developers Agreement with Schy-Rhys Redevelopment Inc.
 16. Resolution approving an Extension Agreement with Hei-Low Inc.
 17. Resolution Approving an Amendment to an Agreement w/Pennoni; Parking Deck component.
 18. Resolution Approving an Amendment to an Agreement w/Pennoni; Structure component.
 19. Resolution Approving an Intermunicipal Agreement for a JAG Grant.
 20. Resolution Approving Building and Property Maintenance Contract with C.E.B LLC.
9. REPORTS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

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10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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| (a) Finance | (Kenneth Brown) |
| (b) Economic Development | (Sandra Vulcano) |
| (c) Planning | (Roger Ruggles) |
| (d) Public Safety | (Jeffrey Warren) |
| (e) Public Works | (Elinor Warner) |
| (f) Administration | (Michael Fleck) |
| (g) Report of City Solicitor | (Attorney William Murphy) |
| (h) Report of Mayor | (Salvatore J. Panto Jr.) |

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Roger E. Cullen, Letter of support for restoration of the Lehigh River.
- (b) Ray Green, Easton Memorial Day Secretary, thank-you letter for participation.
- (c) Mayor Panto, Ninety Day Executive Order, Parking in the Perkins Lot.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Introduction of Legislative Bills.
 - 1. Bill 38, Authorizing the Modification of the Purposes of City's Outstanding Taxable General obligation Note. Series of 2011; and authorizing other necessary action.
- (b) Suspending downtown meter enforcement on July 7, 2013.(R)

14. PUBLIC COMMENT – (Any Matter)

15. ADJOURNMENT